

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CHARLOTTE HARBOR**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, July 13, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.**  
County Administration Building – Room 119  
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

**Members Present**

James Herston, *Chairman*  
Denise Garbacz  
Vanessa Oliver

**Members Absent**

Garland Wilson, *Vice Chair*  
Charlotte Ventola, *Secretary*  
Michael Haymans  
Delmar Wooden

**Staff Present**

Commissioner Ken Doherty  
Debrah Forester, *Redevelopment Manager*  
Shaun Cullinan, *Community Development*  
Matt Trepal, *Community Development*  
Kathy M. Knee, *Recorder*

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Herston called the July 13, 2015 meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 10:37 a.m. in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Building.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Herston led the members and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

Roll call was taken by Kathy Knee. A quorum was not present.

**IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

- Debrah Forester asked to add a Harborview Road Update under New Business.
- Jim Herston noted the addition of Benjamin Moore Signage under New Business.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Jim Herston stated the Approval of the June 1 meeting Minutes would need to be tabled until September since there was not a quorum at today's meeting.

**VI. Public Comments**

- Harry Thomas made the following comments:
  - The County recently purchased Charlotte Harbor property for \$300,000 but he heard the County threatened to take the property by eminent domain. Is this true? Debrah Forester stated she understood the property was for sale; there was no talk of eminent domain.
  - Is drinking alcohol allowed in the Harbor, outside of the high tide boundary of the park? There was an incident and an individual stated he was not in the park but in the Harbor.
  - The new metal CRA signs look good. Debrah noted Community Development installed them.

**VII. Development Review Report**

Jim Herston reported he would discuss Benjamin Moore signage later in the meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

Harbor Walk Update – Debrah Forester reported the Harbor Walk is moving forward. Concrete sheet walls are being put up for the new seawall and guy wire issues are being discussed with FPL. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Freedom Swim seemed to have gone well; there were no problems at the construction site. Harbor Walk Phase 1B 90% plans are being review by FDOT and other permitting agencies.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment – The BCC approved the Comp Plan Amendment and it has been forwarded to the Department of Economic Opportunity. There is a 30-day period for challenges. If there are no challenges the Amendment becomes effective on July 31, 2015.

Land Development Regulations – Map Overview – Tabled until the September 11 meeting.  
Land Development Regulations – Land Use Table – Tabled until the September 11 meeting.

**IX. New Business**

2015 Preliminary Tax Value – Debrah Forester noted the 2015 preliminary tax values have been calculated and the tax increment for Charlotte Harbor CRA is expected to be about \$80,000. Values are slowly going up; tax increment last year was \$62,000.

Harborview Road Project – Debrah Forester distributed a map showing the location of the proposed Sheriff's District Office. The request to purchase this property will go before the BCC at tomorrow's meeting. This parcel is zoned Industrial. Having the Sheriff's Office there instead of a business with a more intense use will give Harborview a better look. This parcel is next door to the Charlotte Sun.

Benjamin Moore Signage – Jim Herston advised that Benjamin Moore will be located next door to Touch of Class Car Wash. They are reviewing signage and would like to use the existing frames at that site: a pole sign and building sign each without a face. The faces of these signs were for a previous business and were destroyed during Charlie. The signs have not been functional for over a year and there is a County code that states if not in use for a year the new signs need to meet current code. Mr. Herston noted Disaster Recovery Ordinance 2006-076 does not seem to have an expiration date and he suggested the County grandfather the signage in under that ordinance. Benjamin Moore is going through Permitting at this time but this signage issue will probably be brought before this Committee in the future.

**X. Correspondence/Communications**

The following item was included in the meeting packet:

- Minutes from Punta Gorda CRA meetings of June 3, 2015 and July 1, 2015.
- October 15 Mixed Use Symposium flyer.

**XI. Public Comments** – None.

**XII. Staff Comments** – None.

**XIII. Attorney Comments** – None.

**XIV. Member Comments** – None.

**XV. Next Meeting Date**

There will not be a meeting in August. The next regular meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee will be held on **Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.**, in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL.

**XVI. Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Charlotte Ventola, Secretary

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Approved: 9.11.2015